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1. European Patent Application No. 1 243 677 A2. This reference was previously identified in an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 1, 2004.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,476,154 B1 issued November 5, 2002, to Maly et al.
3. UK Patent Application No. 2 002 782 A published February 28, 1979, to Agency of Industrial Science & Technology.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,458,967 A issued October 17, 1995, to Kanno et al.

One copy of each of UK Patent Application No. 2 002 782 is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding European Office Action dated September 15, 2005.

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